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SUBJ: ONE PARTY STATE CONSTITUTION INTRODUCED IN PARLIAMENT

REF: FREETOWN 1538

1. THE "CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE 1978" BILL, WHICH MAKES PROVISIONS FOR A ONE PARTY STATE, WAS INTRODUCED IN PARLIAMENT MONDAY, MAY 15, BUT NOT MADE PUBLIC UNTIL THE EVENING OF MAY 16. ACCORDING TO THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION NEWS BULLETIN, THE "OBJECTS AND REASONS" SECTION OF THE BILL STATES THAT THE BILL IS TO PROVIDE A ONE PARTY REPUBLICAN CONSTITUTION FOR SIERRA LEONE. THE ANNOUNCEMENT ALSO STATES THAT SECTION FOUR OF THE BILL PROVIDES QUOTE THE ONE PARTY RECOGNIZED SHALL BE SUCH AS SHALL BE PRESCRIBED BY PARLIAMENT BY A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND APPROVED AT A REFERENDUM."

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON THE NEW CONSTITUTION ON MONDAY, MAY 15, CENTERED ON A NON-CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE INVOLVING THE RIGHT OF CIVIL SERVANTS TO SEEK PUBLIC OFFICE. THUS FAR, MORE PUBLICITY HAS
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BEEN GIVEN TO THIS SECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION THAN TO THE PROVISION FOR A ONE PARTY STATE. POST HAS JUST OBTAINED COPIES OF THE NEW DRAFT CONSTITUTION AND WILL POUCH TO AF/W. END COMMENT. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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